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Performance of Sportspersons
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made critical analysis of the performance of Indian Sportspersons in the Rio Olympics-2016;
(b) if so, the outcome thereof along with the steps taken/being taken thereon for improving the performance of sportspersons in the ensuing international events including Olympics;
(c) whether the Government proposes to formulate any long term plan in this regard particularly in view of the Olympic Games scheduled in 2020 and if so, the details thereof; and
(d) the targets of medals proposed to be achieved in the Olympic Games-2020 along with the measures being taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR
YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)
(a)to (c): Madam, participation in Olympics is through qualification and India sent its largest contingent ever for participation in Olympics in 2016. Review of performance and taking measures for improvement is an ongoing process. Department has held consultations with various stake holders including eminent sportspersons, coaches and National Sports
Federations (NSFs), etc. in an effort to improve India's performance in future competitions. It has been decided, among others, to enhance performance monitoring, emphasize on greater role of coaches in devising training programmes of medal prospects and strengthen sports science set-up. It has also been decided to issue open advertisement for hiring foreign coaches wherever possible. Further, NSFs have been advised by the department to identify medal prospects and their support staff for the 2020 Olympic Games so as to ensure that the core probable get support of dedicated world class support staff on a continuing basis to be able to work as a coherent team and deliver. It has been decided to set up a Task Force to prepare a comprehensive action plan for effective participation of Indian sportspersons in the next three Olympic Games 2020, 2024 and 2028. Also, the Target Olympic Podium (TOP) Scheme Elite Athletes Identification Committee has been reconstituted for identification of elite athletes who would be provided funds under the National Sports Development fund.
(d) Participation in Olympic Games are on the basis of qualification of the sportspersons from various Qualifying Tournaments and so it is not possible to fix a target of medals to be achieved in 2020 Olympics.